been approved. The Small Scale Pharmaceutical Industries can locate/relocate in these IID centers.

(c) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has proposed a scheme of interest subsidy for Schedule M compliance.

Ministerial Group for solving the Bhopal gas leak related issues

†3226. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Group of Ministers was constituted to consider different issues relating to horrible gas leakage accident of Bhopal;

(b) if so, the names of the Ministers included in this group;

(c) whether the Group of Ministers has decided to declare the rest 20 wards of Bhopal as gas affected and recommendation regarding the same has been made to the Central Government;

(d) if so, the action taken, so far on the decision of the Group of Ministers; and

(e) by when the rest 20 wards would be declared gas-affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, there is Group of Ministers (GoM) on Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster.

(b) The names of the Ministers included in this Group as per the Office Memorandum issued by the Cabinet Secretariat dated 10th November, 2006, are (i) Shri Arjun Singh, Chairman, (ii) Shri A.R. Antulay,(iii) Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, (iv) Shri Sis Ram Ola, (v) Shri Kama! Nath, (vi) Shri H.R. Bhardwaj.(vii) Shri Oscar Fernandes, (viii) Smt. Renuka Chowdhury, (ix) Shri Suresh Pachouri and (x) Permanent invitee Minister-in-charge of the Department of Bhopal Gas Tragedy, Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of Madhya Pradesh.

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(c) to (e) No, the Group of Ministers has not taken such a decision. It was decided in the meeting of the Group of Ministers constituted to oversee the matters related to Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster, held on 11th May, 2005, that the Government of MP. would furnish detailed information with related data on morbidity, mortality and other parameters required for declaring the remaining 20 wards also as gas affected. This would be analyzed and the approximate requirement of additional funds worked out in consultation with the Office of the Welfare Commissioner. The matter would then be placed before the Prime Minister, through the Chairman of the GoM. In compliance with the decision taken by the GoM, the Government of MP was requested to furnish the detailed information with relevant data *vide* this Department's letter dated 16th June, 2005 followed by subsequent reminders. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has not furnished the desired information, as yet.

Non-availability of fertilizers to Uttar Pradesh farmers

†3227. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that in some districts of Uttar Pradesh, fertilizers are not available to the farmers on time; and

(b) if so, the detailed thereof and the measures taken for timely availability of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Movement and distribution of only 50% of the indigenous production of urea is under the control of the Government. All other fertilizers *viz.,* DAP and MOP etc. are decontrolled fertilizers and the availability of these fertilizers depends upon the market forces of demand and supply. During Rabi 2006-07, the availability of urea in Uttar Pradesh was more than the assessed demand. Distribution and movement of fertilizers within the State is the responsibility of the State Government.

(b) The Government has approved the New Pricing Scheme (NPS) Stage III on 1.02.2007 to be implemented with effect from 1.10.2006. Under

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